

March 2025

The Concordia

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Join us during this
**LENTEN
SEASON**



March Birthdays

Mar 1	Joel Brooks
Mar 3	Jake Petersen, Katelyn Schmidt
Mar 4	Laural Hanson, Danny Steele
Mar 6	Lori Ladwig, Debbie Thunstedt
Mar 7	Jennifer Miller
Mar 8	Darrel Turvold
Mar 10	Giovanni Johnson
Mar 11	Brittany Mutschler
Mar 12	Douglas Kuethe, Logan Walters
Mar 16	Dorothy Krueger, Adaline Richter
Mar 19	Susan Hoium
Mar 20	Chad Schmidt
Mar 21	Crystal Hamson, Larry Richter, Aivin Wasmoen
Mar 22	Richard Hoium
Mar 23	Ryan Merkouris
Mar 26	Mark Gilbertson
Mar 27	Susan Kleinschrodt, Clayton Schmidt
Mar 29	Mark Behrends
Mar 31	Melissa Bundy, Collin Kuethe



Remember the following in your prayers



Doug Wallin, Vicki Kuethe,
Larry Hensche, and our
homebound and nursing
home members.



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March Anniversaries

March 9	Paul & RaAnna Pestorious
March 31	Gayle & Vicki Kuethe

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Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sun. March 2	10:30am	Worship w/ communion
Mon. March 3	6:30 pm	Bible Study at R
Tues. March 4		Quilting
Wed. Feb. 5	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service at R
Thurs. March 6	2:00 pm	Bible Study at C
Sun. March 9	10:30am	Daylight Savings Worship
Mon. March 10	6:30pm	Bible Study at R
Tues. March 11		Quilting
Wed. March 12	5:45 pm	Lenten supper at C
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at C
	7:30 pm	Church Council
Thurs. March 13	2:00 pm	Bible Study at C
Sun. March 16	10:30am	Worship w/ communion
Mon. March 17	6:30 pm	Bible Study at R
Tues. March 18		Quilting
Wed. March 19	5:45 pm	Lenten supper at R
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at R
Thurs. March 20	2:00 pm	Bible Study at C
Sun. March 23	10:30am	Worship
Mon. March 24	6:30 pm	Bible Study at R
Tues. March 25		Quilting
Wed. March 26	5:45pm	Lenten supper at C
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service at C
Thur. March 27	2:00 pm	Bible Study at C
Sun. March 30	10:30 pm	Confirmation Worship

Assisting in March

Organist	Kathy Toenges
Deacon:	Lynn Kruger
Altar Guild:	RaAnna Pestorious, Kathy Lutteke
Banners:	RaAnna Pestorious
Acolytes:	
March 2	Cortney Schmidt
March 9	Oliver Christensen
March 16	Cortney Schmidt
March 23	Lily Sorenson
March 30	Lia Sorenson

Ushers & Readers

March 2	RaAnna Pestorious Family
March 9	Kristine Christensen Family
March 16	Wayne Olson Family
March 23	Kathy Lutteke Family
March 30	Jenni Miller Family

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



No Wednesday night classes during March. Students will be participating and assisting with Lenten worship services.

Please call or text Pastor Kristi at 507-360-1224 or email at pastor@redeemerlinden.com if you have any questions about confirmation.

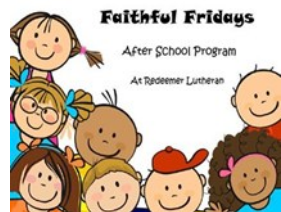


Time to Spring Forward for Daylight Saving Time.

A reminder to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 9th.

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Faithful Fridays

After School Program
At Redeemer Lutheran

Faithful Fridays - Late Night Event

Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:16-26

Who? Students PreK-6th grade. Middle school and high school helpers are welcome!

What is it?

For this event, students (who are encouraged to bring a friend) are invited to join us for the evening. Sunday School leaders will provide the programming and supervision. Fun includes: games, a craft/service project, a Bible lesson, kid-friendly meals (including snacks, supper and popcorn), and movie, *Charlotte's Web* (7:45 p.m.)!

When?

Friday, March 21 from 5:00-9:30 p.m. Optional pick-up at 7:30 p.m. for students under 3rd grade.

Where? Redeemer Lutheran Church

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration (see Redeemer FB page/Remind). Suggested donation is \$15 per child.

RSVP preferred at least two days prior to the event start date. Thank you!



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13th (services in each congregation)

- 8:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer—Palm Processional
- 10:30 a.m. Service at Concordia—Palm Processional



MAUNDY Thursday

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 17th (services in each congregation)

- 5:30 pm worship at Redeemer-Holy Communion, First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar
- 7:00 pm worship at Concordia-Holy Communion, First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday, April 18th

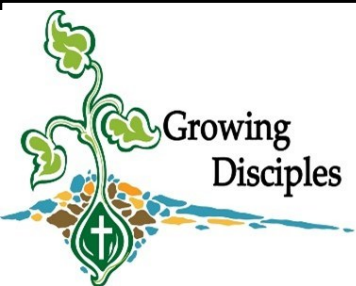
- 6:30 p.m. Joint Service at Redeemer – Procession of the Cross



Easter SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, April 20th (services in each congregation)

- 8:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion (no fellowship)
- 10:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion



Growing Disciples

Growing Disciples – Discipleship in the New Testament – a Bible Study on Luke -Acts

Our Bible Study on Growing Disciples continues in March. We will focus on Jesus' interaction with his disciples as it is revealed by the physician, Luke, in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

The purpose of this study is to go beyond simply understanding Jesus' ministry with his earliest followers. The goal is to look at our own discipleship in light of Jesus' relationship with his first disciples. Even more, we want to discover how that relationship can grow in depth and practice as we follow Jesus.

Join us at any step of our journey. The Bible Study sessions will be held on these days:

March 3	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 4: <i>Living Examples</i> – at Redeemer
March 6	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 4: <i>Living Examples</i> – at Concordia
March 10	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 5: <i>Witnesses</i> – at Redeemer
March 13	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 5: <i>Witnesses</i> – at Concordia
March 17	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 6: <i>Leaders</i> – at Redeemer
March 20	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 6: <i>Leaders</i> – at Concordia
March 24	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 6: <i>Leaders</i> – at Redeemer

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First Communion

Education for 5th Grade students (*or any other older students that have not had communion instruction*) and their parents will be offered

jointly for Redeemer and Concordia congregations. This year we will be having a “retreat” afternoon to incorporate all the learning activities at the same time.

Together we will learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion, learn about the communion ware of each congregation, create a special craft for each student, and make communion bread that will be served the night of your First Communion.

The afternoon retreat will be held on Sunday, April 6th from 2—5 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Students will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship services in their congregation-

- Concordia Lutheran on Thursday, April 17th, at 5:30 pm
- Redeemer Lutheran on Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00 pm

Please contact Pastor Kristi if you have questions about the First Communion.



Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group

Our next gathering for our Youth Group will be to help with the Faithful Friday Late Night Event on Friday, March 21st. The event is

from 5:00 to 9:30 pm. The 6th through 12th grade youth will help with making smoothies starting at 7:00 pm, share in activities and watch a movie. Hope you can join us for a night of fun and helping the preschool through 5th grade students.

Contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) if you have questions about this event.

Lent 2025

The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

Concordia and Redeemer congregations will be sharing in joint worship services that will be alternating locations throughout the Lenten Season beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Please note the following worship schedule of worship services.



Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service on March 5th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer – Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

For our mid-week Lenten services, we will begin with a light meal at 5:45 each week, rotating the location of the meal and service. Volunteers are needed in each congregation to assist in providing the light meal (perhaps soup or hotdish, bread or sandwiches, chips, bars or cookies, etc.) Please see sign-ups at each congregation.



Wed., March 12th —Lenten Week 1

5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

Wed., March 19th—Lenten Week 2

5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Redeemer

Wed., March 26th—Lenten Week 3

5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

Wed., April 2nd—Lenten Week 4

5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Redeemer

Wed., April 9th—Lenten Week 5

5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

Snow Removal Schedule

Date	Parking Lot	Sidewalk
3/3-3/9	Mitch Kuethe	Ryan Wallin
3/10-3/16	Chris Sorensen	John Morgan
3/17-3/23	Dennis Richter	Larry Ritcher

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Council Minutes

Church Council Minutes for 2/12/2025

Members Present: Bob Wittmer, RaAnna Pestorous, Amy Wallin Chad Miller, Chris Sorensen and Kris Christensen, Lynn Krueger. Ex -Officio Member- Past Kristi Mitchell

Vice President Bob Wittmer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Secretary's report was given and reviewed.
Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report was given and reviewed for January

***Total Income** \$11,286.23

***Total Member Giving** \$8,949.50

***Total Expenses** \$7,311.98

Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved.

Board of Stewardship

No Report

Education

Confirmation will be Sunday, March 30th at 10:30am

Lay Ministry

Bob Nelson has the usher schedule for the year completed and those will be emailed out to the congregation.

Board of Church

-Johnson's Heating and Plumbing looked at the furnace that was not working and fix it at no cost because it is still under warranty. They will also be asked to look at the other 3 furnaces to make sure that they are working like they should. Chad Miller will have Johnson's explain how the baffle works. The furnace in the new addition was not working, but has now been fixed. We might need to look at putting a new one in the new addition. We could possibly get a "scratch and dent" one. The gas valve and ignitor have been replaced. The cover has been left off the furnace for a reason, please leave it off.

-The water passed inspection and then failed again. We are waiting for results. The amount of e coli in the water has flagged us. We have to have

12 clean tests in a row before we can get off the list. A sample was pulled from the kitchen. We are now responsible for doing our own water testing/ sampling and sending it in.

Pastor Report

Pastor will be taking a Sunday and a Monday off. Pastor Laura Aase will be here. February 23rd will be council installation. The Blue Earth River Conference Assembly will be held at Redeemer Wayne Olson and Lynn Krueger will be our voter members. Lent begins March 5th, the Ash Wednesday Service will be at Redeemer.

Vice President Bob Wittmer called a motion to accept all reports. Motion made. Seconded. Approved.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

A new road sign on Co. Rd 46 has been installed and billed to us for \$934.00. Pastor is wondering if there was a quote for this, because it was quite an expensive bill. It was suggested to use memorial fund to pay for this. President Chris Sorensen motioned to pay for the sign out memorial funds. Seconded. Approved

Other Business

Intego sent us information about switching insurance, this may be looked at after the roof is completed.

Vice President Bob Wittmer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made. Seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned. We closed with "The Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Christensen, Secretary

Next meeting will be March 12th after Lenten service.



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Women of the ELCA

Blue Earth River Conference

Spring 2025 Event

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

401 Church St.

Hartland, MN 56042

\$10 Registration fee

~Program~

It's not just a collection.

'It's Fiber Art with

Strings Attached'

By Artist Yvonne Cory



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Church Council

Chris Sorensen	President
Robert Wittmer	Vice-President
Kristine Christensen	Secretary
RaAnna Pestorious	Treasurer
Chad Miller	Properties
Lynn Krueger	Lay Ministry
Amy Wallin	Stewardship
	Education

Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake

Church Staff

Rev. Kristi Mitchell—Pastor
Peter Scharpe—Administrative Secretary
Kathy Toenges—Organist
David & Michelle Masters—Custodians